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AQUILEGIA BREVISTYLA **SHORT-STYLED COLUMBINE**

Short-styled Columbine is a slender, sparingly branched perennial with stems 25-80 cm tall that are lightly pubescent below and glandular above. The basal leaves have long petioles with blades that are lobed and wavy margined; the few stem leaves are lobed and nearly without petioles. Flowers are 15-25 mm long with blue or purple reflexed sepals and yellowish-white, horn-shaped petals; the bluish spurs of the petals are curved inward at the tip and are 6-8 mm long. Stamens and styles barely protrude beyond the petals; the five-lobed seed capsules are pubescent. Flowering in June-early July.

Distinguished from other blue-flowered species of *AQUILEGIA* in Montana by the incurved tips of the petal spurs.